



**Minutes of the Barrington Hills Village Communications Committee  
Meeting Number 8, February 27, 2006  
Final - Approved March 27, 2006**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Beth Mallen called the eighth meeting to order on February 27, 2006, at 5:36 p.m. in the Barrington Hills Village Hall Training Room.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

Present:

Beth Mallen, Chairman  
Barbara Kemp, Recording Secretary, Member  
Lucinda Hanover, Member  
Vicky Kelly, Member  
Dan Mjolsness, Member  
Maureen Prettyman, Member  
Nikki Panos, Member (arrived 5:50 p.m.)

Walter E. Smithe, Village Trustee, Sponsor  
Neal Waltmire, Planning and Zoning Coordinator for Bob Kosin

Visitors:

Kevin Colosia, Resident and Cellular Technology Subject Matter Expert  
Bob Abboud, Village President

Absent:

Bob Kosin, Village Administrator, Sponsor, at NENA Meeting in Florida

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Barbara sent and brought the Draft January 23, 2006 minutes for review. Dan motioned to accept the minutes as Final for January. Vicky seconded the motion. They will be converted to Final and sent to Neal Waltmire for posting. Approved: 5-0-2

**4. Old Business**

- Newsletter-
  - The latest Newsletter was sent and there was no feedback. This was considered good news and Nikki and Vicky were congratulated on their fine effort.

- Everyone agreed the extra time for the Trustees to review and approve was worthwhile.
- For next Newsletter: The article on Treasurer Joanne Sladek, and a follow up on the Police Equine training with pictures.
- Art Donation Feedback – no one had information. It was agreed that the Communications Team members will directly contact some of the long time residents to solicit pictures that can be copied with originals returned.
  - Walter Smithe to contact Ted Horne and Fritz Gohl
  - Lucinda Hanover to contact the Swodicks
  - Beth Mallen to contact Toots
  - Barbara Kemp to contact Margaret Stanton
  - Maureen Prettyman to contact Dave Buckley
- Next Newsletter will be sent in May.
- Articles for May – Grigsby Land Conservation – ask Ted Horne, and given the McHenry ZBA meetings will probably be over and the elections past, there should be plenty of news.
- Holiday Party Wrap Up.
  - Bob asked in January that the budget and actual costs for the party be included in the Communications Committee Minutes for the record. This action is still open to Lucinda and Maureen since not all bills have been received.
- Cellular Coverage
  - Kevin Colosia, Dan Mjolsness and Barbara Kemp are ready to host an internal meeting. The group urged them to proceed and Neal will clear calendars with Bob Kosin and Chief Murphy so this can begin.
  - Chief Mike Murphy included three Cellular Technology related questions in his Annual Police Questionnaire to the Villagers. The results are due by March 15
  - Barbara, Dan and Kevin will estimate the costs for this initiative and provide them to Beth for inclusion in the budget for the next fiscal year. At this time Barbara, Dan and Kevin are doing the work pro bono. If consultants need to be brought in, that will be included in the cost estimate.
  - Barbara provided handouts on WIMAX which included a glossary of terms.
- Duda Hearing
  - There will be more meetings in McHenry County starting on March 9, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. on the proposal for property use for the former Barrington Hills land disconnected in Duda I, a legal action brought before McHenry County in 2003.
  - There was discussion on having a few concise speakers to present questions at the next meetings during the public Q&A period. March 6 was chosen for a preparation meeting with the individuals. Bob Abboud joined the Committee meeting briefly and agreed to meet with the speaking team to share the information related to the five (5) tracks of effort with respect to the Duda proposals.
  - Neal Waltmire agreed to prepare a mailing with the March 9 meeting location and time for the McHenry County residents of Barrington Hills.
- Stickers and Logo – Not Covered
- Web Sites - Village and Committee
  - Dan and Vicky continue to meet with North Star personnel at the Library. Getting a new site up and running to do the “Stories behind the Stories” may be delayed due to the load at the Library and they are out of URLs.

- There was discussion about why the existing site is not up to date. Neal agreed to work with Bob and/or learn how to do this for Bob with his guidance.
  - Dan, Vicky and Neal agreed to go to the free website building training at the Library.
- Budget - Information was required by February 24, 2006, is not the 28th as listed in the last Newsletter. The revised Final due date is in 30 days, or March 24 per Walter Smithe.
  - Budget from the Communications Committee Members:
    - Newsletters – number and cost plus color process, open request for last Newsletter cost summary and projected needs in 2006-2007 fiscal year: Nikki and Vicky
    - Annual Resident Parties – requested total costs for the last party as benchmark.: Lucinda and Maureen
    - Walter mentioned again the Village will celebrate 50 years in formal existence as Barrington Hills in May 2007 and suggested that a very nice well advertised celebration be included in the budget: Beth, Bob and Walter
    - Cellular Technology- meetings and notices, documentation, possible cost sharing alternatives costs, at a minimum with suggestions if the Village desires to pursue alternatives.- Barbara and Dan with Kevin Colosia

#### **5. New Business**

- Election March 21 is critical to schools and the Duda plans.
- Lou Ann Majewski needs yard signs to be placed for supporting the election of McHenry County Board members: Yvonne Barnes and Anna Miller. Volunteers: Lucinda Hanover, Dan Mjolsness, and Barbara Kemp. Beth will notify Lou Ann.
- There is a Referendum being prepared for the Barrington Hills School District 300 residents to be allowed to become part of District 220. The initiative is being led by Kendra Trauth. Petitions and Signatures are critical for this phase of the endeavor.

#### **6. Dismissal:**

Beth Mallen entertained a motion for dismissal at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, March 27, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. Maureen motioned and Dan seconded. Motion Approved (7-0-0).

Meeting Adjourned